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SUBJECT: IRAQI/KUWAITI TALKS: CONCERN OVER THE COMMUNIST  
THREAT

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1. DURING MEETING ARRANGED SPECIFICALLY TO DISCUSS RECENT  
IRAQI/KUWAITI TALKS HERE, MFA OFFICER MAY 25 WAS UNABLE TO  
TELL ME A THING ABOUT THEM. HOWEVER, FRENCH AMBASSADOR SAW  
MFA UNDERSECRETARY RASHID AL-RASHID TWO DAYS AGO, AND I  
DEBRIEFED HIM TODAY.

2. RASHID HAD REMARKED WITH SATISFACTION THAT THE IRAQIS  
WHILE HERE HAD SPELLED OUT THEIR CONSIDERABLE CONCERN ABOUT  
"COMMUNIST" THREATS TO THE SECURITY OF THE AREA. THEY HAD  
DWELT ON THE COUP D'ETAT IN KABUL AND ON CONTINUING UNREST  
IN IRAN AS INDICATIVE OF DANGERS POSED TO STATES OF THE  
AREA. RASHID HAD TOLD FRENCH AMBASSADOR THAT HE WAS NOT  
SURPRISED THAT THE IRAQIS SHARE KUWAITI CONCERNS ON THIS  
SUBJECT AT THIS TIME, BUT THAT HE WAS TRULY SURPRISED THE  
IRAQIS WERE SO CONCERNED AS TO DISCUSS SUBJECT WITH  
KUWAITIS. HE LEFT THE IMPRESSION THIS WAS UNPRECEDENTED

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FRANKNESS FROM IRAQI SIDE.

3. FRENCH AMBASSADOR SAID THAT RASHID HAD NOT MENTIONED THE  
HORN OF AFRICA AS INCLUDED IN THE IRAQI PRESENTATION OF  
AREAS IN WHICH DANGEROUS COMMUNIST INFLUENCE WAS AT  
WORK. GIVEN RASHID'S OWN CONCEPT OF THE PRESENT SITUATION AS  
ONE IN WHICH RADICAL/SOVIET PINCERS ARE CLOSING ON ARABIAN

PENINSULA, IT SEEMS TO ME CERTAIN THAT, ONCE IRAQIS  
BROACHED THEIR CONCERN, KUWAITIS MUST HAVE SPELLED OUT THEIR  
NOTIONS OF THE SOVIET/CUBAN THREAT AT WORK IN ETHIOPIA.  
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